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EPA issued two Harvey related news releases on Sept. 3. The first news release announced the status of water systems in areas affected by Harvey and updates of EPA/TCEQ response activities addressing NPL sites, air quality monitoring, and 24-hour watch at the Arkema facility. The second EPA news release responded to the Associated Press Sept. 2 story which erroneously reported on that EPA was not actively involved in the assessment of NPL sites impacted by Harvey. In another EPA news release issued on Sept. 2, the agency announced the status of NPL Superfund sites, identifying numerous of them that have been evaluated or will be evaluated as soon as it is safe to inspect. Field PIO Darrin Larson will be relocating to Houston on Sept. 3 to liaison with the Houston Mayor. PIO Terri White will replace him at the Incident Command Post in Corpus Christi as lead PIO.

On Sept. 3, two US Coast Guard PIOs deployed to the ICP.

The field PIO has updated talking points for field personnel including instructing them to direct all EPA media inquiries R6HarveyPIO@epa.gov

A response was prepared for Congressman Olson's office regarding concern from the City of Perlman about damage to wastewater treatment plant tanks. Information was provided on state resources to help with short term assistance as well as funding in the longer term.

An email address to be used for media inquiries related to Hurricane Harvey was set up and distributed (R6HarveyPIO@epa.gov). Coordination has occurred with additional PIOs expected to arrive at the Incident Command Post in Corpus Christi.

See attached Photo.

Verbiage for the photo:

EPA early morning training for personnel from TCEQ, TGLO, USCG, and the Civil Support Team about to head out from the Incident Command Post in Corpus Christi to assess water infrastructure, conduct hazard evaluations, and recover abandoned containers. September 2, 2017.

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